

Tapton SCHOOL

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Dear parents and carers

I would like to begin by thanking you all for your support and kind messages over the last week. Your support and encouragement have certainly made the difficulties of the last week more manageable. The Tapton community has responded to the fast-moving national situation with such fortitude and energy and I continue to be very proud of both my staff and students. Student engagement with live lessons has been outstanding and the team at school have worked incredibly hard to ensure no student is left behind.

Timings of the school day

Please note that from January 11th the timings of the school day will change. The school day will begin at 9.15 for all students from Year 7-13. All students whether they are accessing our remote provision from home or in school as part of our key worker school will begin the day at 9.15 by logging into Microsoft Teams for a live registration period. Students in all year groups should follow their normal timetable noting the new timings of the day below so they know when lessons start and end in order to join at the correct time. The school day will end at 3.10 for all students, however, intervention lessons, twilights and master class lessons will continue and will begin at 3.10-4.10. We are continuing to monitor attendance as normal and will be contacting families where we identify students as missing from registration or lessons. Our provision has worked very successfully in the first week of school and we look forward to continued success.

Year Group	Arrival at virtual registration	Period 1	Period 2	Break 11.20-11.30	Period 3	Lunch 12.20-1.20	Period 4	Period 5	Dismissal Time
Year 7-13	No later than 9.15	9.30-10.20	10.30 - 11.20		11.30-12.20		1.20-2.10	2.20-3.10	3.10

Key Worker Provision and Updates

Our key worker provision is now full. We will create a waiting list for families who request a place and let you know should a space become available.

From Monday 11th January all key worker students will need to arrive for their virtual registration no later than 9.15. When students arrive to school they should use the main entrance into the building at the front of school. They will then go their key worker base that they have already been working from. This is the classroom or space they used in the first week. Students must ensure they arrive in school uniform and with a face mask that must be kept on throughout the day when in the building. We also expect students to bring their normal school equipment so that they can work purposefully through their lessons. Our stock of headphones is very small so it would be very useful for students to bring in earphones/headphones so they can access their Microsoft Teams registration and lessons as appropriate. Lunch is available for key worker students, however, if it has not been requested please ensure your child has a packed lunch and water bottle. The day will end for all key workers at 3.10 and students should go directly home.

If your child needs additional resources, such as exercise books, in order to complete work at home please do let school know so that we can support you. Please contact support@taptonschool.co.uk and we will arrange for either a collection or postal delivery.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher



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